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RESPONSE TO FINAL ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the outstanding Office action dated February 17, 1998 and is further responsive to the Office actions dated October 23, 1997 and June 18, 1997.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Groups 1 and 2 for examination in the present application. In the October 23, 1997 and February 17, 1998 Office actions, Group 1 has been defined as consisting of claims 14-23 and 34-38 and Group 2 has been defined as consisting of claims

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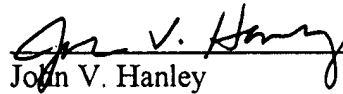
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24-28. On March 9, 1998, the undersigned confirmed that the Examiner contemplates examining the claims of Groups 1 and 2 together in the present application. Accordingly, by electing Groups 1 and 2, claims 14-28 and 34-38 will be examined in the present application.

Applicants have attempted to make a complete response to the outstanding Office action. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that examination of this application proceed in respect of pending claims 14-28 and 34-38.

Respectfully submitted,

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